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South America Seen Threat Due to Castro Infiltration

"Cuba still has missiles. It has been proven by pictures which have been given to the CIA," Dr. Martin Orta, a Cuban doctor now working at the Veterans Hospital, told the Inter-Agency Council at its monthly meeting.

"But," he noted, "the main United States danger is not missiles. It is South America. There are 50 million people there waiting for something. They know hunger, desperation, frustration. Castro sounds like a saviour to many."

Dr. Orta has been at the Batavia hospital since March of 1962. For a year prior, he was in Miami helping the Cuban refugees. His father, sister and brother are still in Cuba where they report that

97 per cent of the population is anti-Castro.

"Before Castro we were a friendly people. We loved others. There was no racial conflict, after all how could there be because no pure white or black race remained. Now," said the physician, "Communism has taught us to hate. For the first time there is racial strife."

Dr. Orta was a part of the underground while in Cuba. He reached Miami on a Cuban ship which had difficulties and couldn't make it back to the island. He considers the Bay of Pigs fiasco the turning point in Cuban recent history. After that, all controls stiffened so that such a thing could not reasonably be tried again. As a result of this attempted invasion, 600,000 were put in jail.

Dr. Orta is part of a group of Cubans trying constantly to do something to help liberate their country. They are organizing a Cuban Peace Corps to go into South American countries, where Cuban propagandists are hard at work, to counteract the effect of these efforts.

The Cuban stressed the importance of knowing about Cuban infiltration. It has been disturbingly effective in South America, he said.

"Cuban Communists have taken advantage of the refugee flights to send in their own agents here. We know of 150 Communists right in Miami. They cannot be deported without proof of their affiliation and this is very hard to establish."

At its meeting, the last until September, copies of the new constitution were given out. Mrs. Harry L. Trietley, the retiring president, extended the best wishes of the agency to Dr. Basheer A. Anjam in his new position. Miss Mary McCall, the incoming president, was in charge of the program and introduced Dr. Orta.

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